

F-6-77

Ca. 1839

Cattail Branch Schoolhouse

Emmitsburg vicinity

Private

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:  
Agricultural-Industrial Transition 1815-1870 A.D.  
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning  
Social/Educational/Cultural

Resource Type:  
Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence  
Domestic/secondary structure/garage, sheds  
Education/school/schoolhouse

Known Design Source: None

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Tax Map 10, Parcel 32  
MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. F-6-77

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Cattail Branch Schoolhouse

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 17218 Bollinger School Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Emmitsburg ☐ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Gerald E. Griffin

street & number 17218 Bollinger School Road telephone no.:

city, town Emmitsburg state and zip code MD 21727

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 773

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 152

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent

☒ good

☐ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

(Typed on separate sheet)

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland, C.O. Titus and Co., Philadelphia, 1873.

Interview with owner, May 1991.

Map of Frederick County, Maryland, Isaac Bond, Baltimore, 1858.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1.22 acresQuadrangle name Emmitsburg, MD QuadrangleQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting					Northing			

B 

Zone	Easting					Northing			

C 

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Tax Map 10, Parcel 32

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Mary Kendall Shipe, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date June, 1991street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958city or town Frederick state MD. 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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### 7.1 Description:

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The schoolhouse, now a residence, was constructed circa 1839. It is of brick construction laid in running bond on a stone foundation. The gable roof is of standing seam tin and has one interior end brick chimney and one exterior end concrete chimney. There is a boxed cornice and new gabled dormers. The building is one story in height and has a 2 story aluminum sided addition (constructed in 1974).

The main facade, east-facing, is three bays wide. There are two large 6/6 windows with jack arches and a side door. The entry bay is covered with an aluminum sided enclosed porch. Two gabled dormers are in the roofline. The west elevation has three symmetrical bays with large 6/6 windows and jack arches. Three gabled dormers are in the roofline. The north gable end has cornice returns. There is one 1/1 paired window on the first floor; on the attic level, two 6/6 windows. The south gable end has a first story enclosed entry porch that is one bay deep. It is sheathed in aluminum siding and has a shed roof. The attic level has two 6/6 windows.

The addition is attached to part of the north gable end. It is sheathed in aluminum siding and has an asphalt shingled gable roofline. Windows throughout are sliding casement windows.

### 8.1 Significance:

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Compared to other nineteenth century schoolhouses in the county, the Cattail Branch Schoolhouse is typical in becoming a private residence. It has undergone alterations and changes seen in other schoolhouses: additions, porches, aluminum siding, and dormers. However, it has retained some of its important elements such as the large 6/6 windows and the brick construction material.

According to the present owner, the Cattail Branch Schoolhouse was constructed in 1839 and remained a schoolhouse into the 1930s at which time it was converted to a residence. The school appears on the historic maps of the county in 1858 as "Primary School 40" and in 1873 as "School".

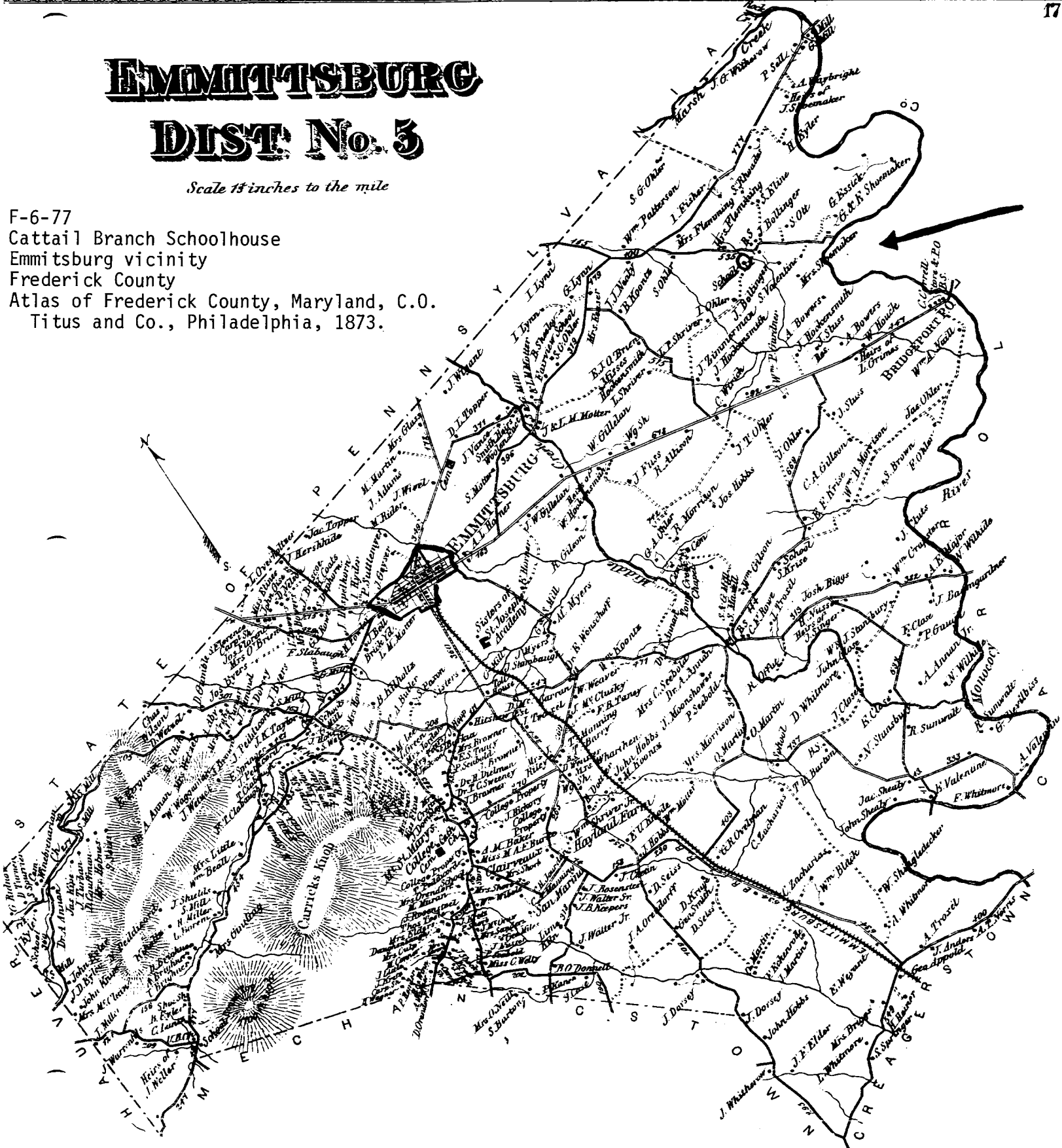


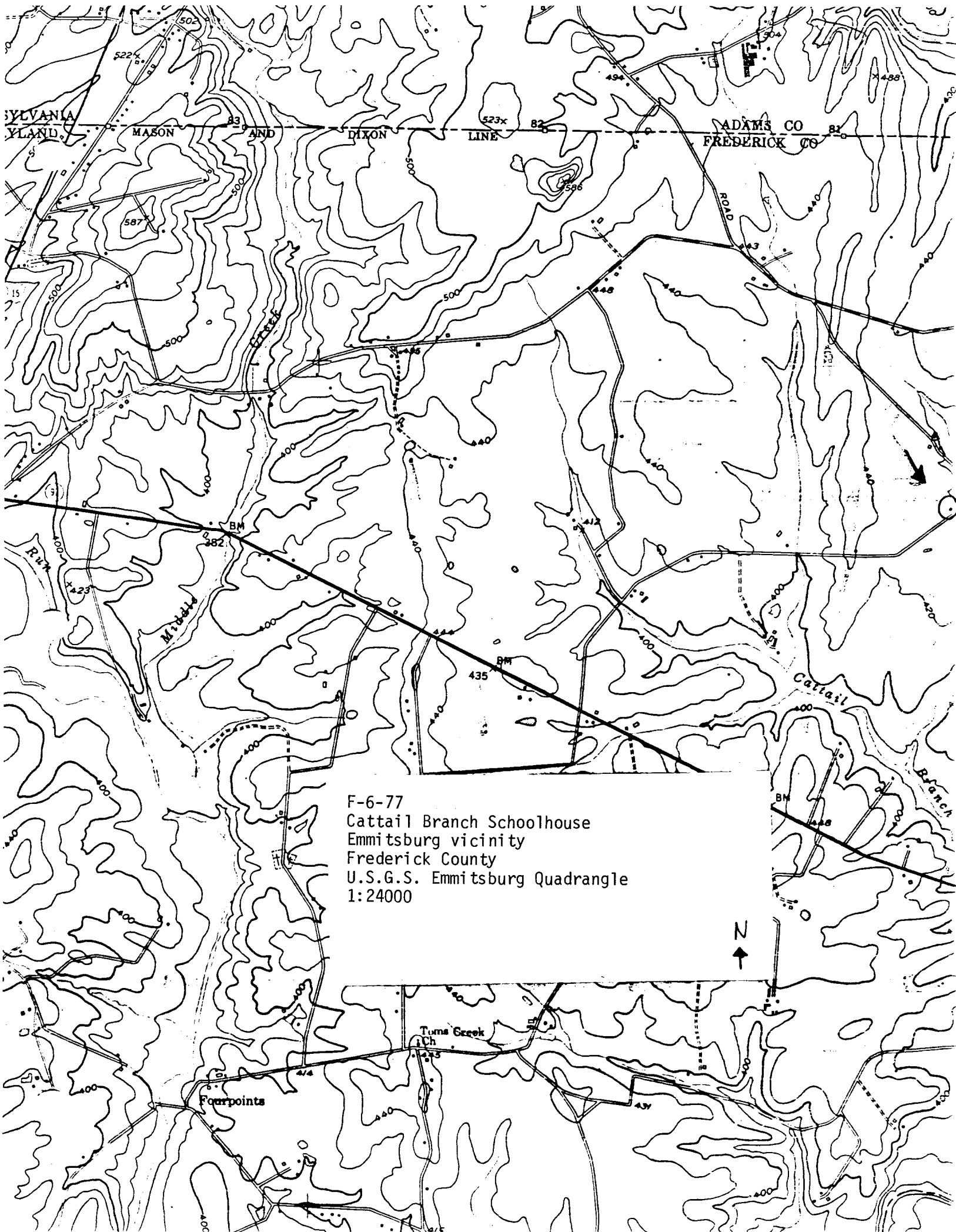
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## DIST No. 3

Scale 1 1/2 inches to the mile

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17218 Bollinger School Road

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Photo: MARY K SHIPE

May 1991

Neg. loc: MHT

East elevation

1/2



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17218 Bellinger School Road

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west elevation

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